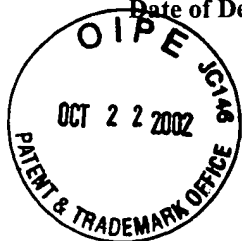


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APPLICANTS : REINER FISCHER, ET AL.  
SERIAL NO. : 08/470,563  
FILED : JUNE 6, 1995  
FOR : N-ARYL-SUBSTITUTED NITROGEN-CONTAINING  
HETEROCYCLES, PROCESSES AND NOVEL INTERMEDIATES  
FOR THEIR PREPARATIONS, AND THEIR USE AS HERBICIDES  
AND PLANT GROWTH REGULATORS  
ART UNIT : 1625  
EXAMINER : P. Morris

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October 22, 2002

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.181(a)  
TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

SIR:

The above-identified application is apparently held abandoned for failure to respond to the Office letter mailed March 5, 2002. Applicants filed a response to restriction requirement by facsimile transmission on May 6, 2002. Accordingly, the holding of abandonment is in error. Consequently, Applicants respectfully request that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn, and that this application be returned to pending status.

In support of this petition there are submitted copies of:

- 1) the response to restriction requirement dated May 6, 2002; and
- 2) the auto-reply facsimile transmission sheet.

Applicants point out that the auto-reply facsimile transmission sheet is *prima facie* evidence that the response to restriction requirement was timely filed and received in the Patent Office on May 6, 2002. *See, Manual of Patent Examining Procedure* § 502.01.

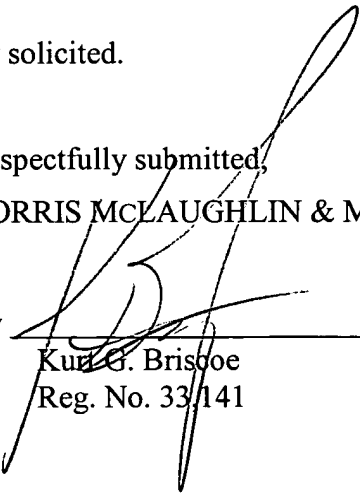
No fee is believed to be due in connection with the consideration of this petition. However, should the Commissioner determine that any fee is, in fact, due, he is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the holding of abandonment be rescinded, that this application be returned to pending status.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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